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SPECIAL EVENT OCT. 22

Chamber Sponsors Meet the Candidates

The Chamber is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" night for the positions of 41st District state representative and for District 1 Summit County Council representative. The free event will be held in the upstairs ballroom of the Tavern of Richfield on October 22 at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served with a cash bar at 6:30.

Candidates Randy Cole and Brian Williams for 41st District state representative and Nick Kostandaras, Sr. and Bill Roemer for Summit County Council District 1 have been invited to attend. Nick and Bill are both residents of Richfield.

New Features at the Monthly Luncheon

Richfield Business Activity Report. Come to our monthly luncheons to hear *Ralph Waszak* providing an update on the real estate activity in town.

Richfield Sweet 16. Tired of watching the NASDAQ and S&P500? Come join us at the monthly luncheon to hear the Richfield 16 update from *Jack Braun*. Jack has compiled a list of 16 publicly traded companies with offices in Richfield to show how the market affects our community.

President's Corner

If you missed last month's luncheon we had Business Coach Ralph Berge, First V.P. of Broadview Heights Chamber. Mr. Berge provided some insightful thoughts on growing your business.

Let's do lunch!

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

Quality Inn & Suites Richfield

John Debo

Superintendent

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

11:45 - Informal Networking	12:30 - Speaker
12:00 - Light lunch served	1:00 - Adjourn

Members admitted free with a reservation.

Please R.S.V.P. to 330-659-3300 by September 26.

Non-members bring \$11 check payable to Richfield Chamber of Commerce

No-shows will be invoiced \$11 for their reserved lunch.

Invite an associate. Bring your business cards to share.

COSE. He was active in the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, he was the Ohio Dry-Cleaner of the Year, and the Fairlawn Chamber Citizen of the Year. John was very active and devoted in the community and will be greatly missed by many organizations and people.

I extend our deepest condolences to John's family; his mother Josephine, his four daughters and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Jason (Long), Katie, Annie and Maggie. Jason is

our Chamber vice president.

New Members

We are behind in welcoming some of our new members for 2008. Here they are: *Thomas J. Misbrenner* of **Anthony Thomas Corp**; *Penny Thomas* of the **American Cancer Society**; *Andrew Leipold* of **Leipold Tire Company**; *Paramjit (Perry) Kabai* of **NEO IT and Security**; *Kristine Brill* of **Huntington Bank** and *Elene Konstantinopaulos* of **Revitalize Inc.**

Some of these new members have already attended one or more of our luncheons. Look for them and get acquainted.

Chamber T-shirts

We have a nice selection of shirts for sale at the Chamber office at \$14 each. Shirt designs from previous years are discounted. They make great gifts.

No November Lunch

The Meet the Candidates night will replace the November lunch. There will be no November luncheon.

Please note that the October lunch is on the first. Please call in your reservation ASAP.

Mr. Berge reviewed a basic business diagnostic in taking control of your cash flow and profits, how to increase customers, revenues and profits; retaining customers longer; realizing that marketing is an investment not an expense; and most of all how to work ON your business not just IN your business. Anyone interested in more information can go to Mr. Berg's web site at <http://www.actioncoach.com>.

Please join us for the October luncheon to hear John Debo, Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Park and learn some of the park's plans for the future. As well as get the update to Richfield Business Activity and find out the recent results of the Richfield Sweet 16.

I have some very sad news for anyone that has not heard, *John Barabona*, charter member of the Richfield Chamber and owner of Fussy Cleaners passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. John was one of the founding members of the Chamber and served on the Scholarship committee for many years. John also served on several boards: former Revere Schools, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, and

October 1 Luncheon
October 8 Board meeting
October 17 Deadline for Newsletter
October 22 Meet the Candidates
11:45 a.m. Quality Inn & Suites
7:00 a.m. Scriptype Publishing
7:00 p.m. 6:30 Cash Bar

Mark your calendar